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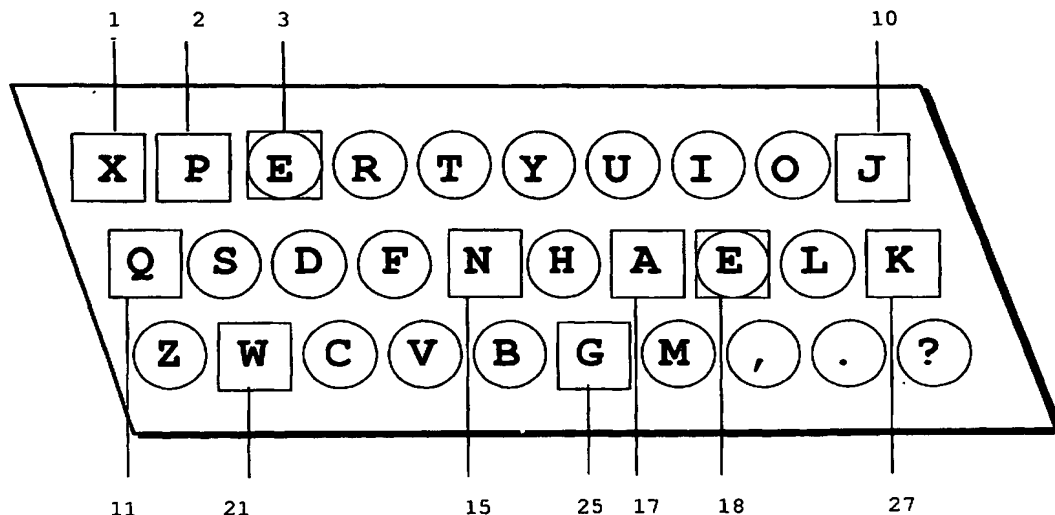
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(57) Abstract: A keyboard for computers and data entry devices is disclosed, which increases typing speed, but at the same time eases the transition from the Standard Qwerty keyboard for experienced typists. Two letter sequences called digraphs are typed rapidly when struck by opposite hands. The proposed keyboard places frequently used digraphs on opposite hands and avoids the use of small fingers to increase typing speed. The home row is not emphasized and only three high frequency letters are moved relative to Qwerty positions, making the keyboard easy to learn. The constraints of maximal speed and minimal modification are satisfied concurrently. A second key is dedicated to the letter "E", the most frequently used letter in the English language, to further enhance typing speed and ease of transition from Qwerty. The result is a faster and highly practical electronic keyboard.